

REMARKS

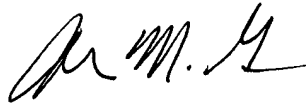
Claims 1-23 and 27-36 remain pending in the application.

The Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1-23 and 27-36 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of copending U.S. application serial no. 10/350,629. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection such that a terminal disclaimer is technically unnecessary. However, in order to advance prosecution, Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer herewith in order to remove the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in allowable form. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application, which may be clarified through a telephone interview or that may be overcome by examiner amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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